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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

**Commissioner for Patents**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated 09/24/2003. In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the claims of restriction group I for further prosecution in this application.

Applicants note that the examiner has placed method of treatment claims 19-27 in his restriction group VIII, but believe that it would be appropriate to group method of treatment claims 23-27 within restriction group I, as claims 23-27 relate to use of the compounds of formula (I) according to claim 3, while in restriction group I claims 3-8 and 13 relate respectively to compounds of formula (I) according to claim 3 and to pharmaceutical compositions containing them. Accordingly, the examiner is requested to consider including claims 23-27 as part of restriction group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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